

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant's attorney, William Collard, acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for the brief telephone interview on July 28, 2005. The substance of that interview is disclosed in this response.

The Examiner has objected to claim 4. The examiner has also objected to claim 13. Claims 4 and 13 have been amended to overcome these objections.

The examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Leonard. Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 7 and 8 as being unpatentable over Leonard in view of WO 98/09027.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 7 and 8 are patentable over the above cited references taken either singly or

in combination. Claim 7 has been amended to state that the abutments extend "over said distributor plate" to engage beneath the rim of the bowl.

The side walls 36 of Leonard do not extend over the distributor plates as described above. This is important because with the present invention, the abutments and the clip form a three point suspension between the two abutments and the resilient clip thus preventing the distributor plate from moving from a horizontal position into a slanted position.

Since neither Leonard nor Klimis disclose these abutments as claimed in claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that claim 7 and dependent claim 8 which depends from claim 7 are patentable over the above cited references taken either singly or in combination.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5, 10, 11, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/40787.

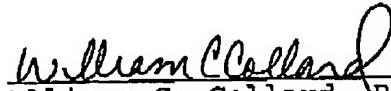
Claim 1 has been amended to include some the elements of allowable claim 6. Claim 13 has been amended to include elements from allowable claim 3. Claim 14 has been amended to include elements from allowable claim 4. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the remaining claims are patentable over the above

cited references taken either singly or in combination.

In conclusion, the present invention and the pending remaining claims are believed to be patentable over all the prior art references applied by the Patent Examiner whether considered singly or in any combination thereof. A prompt notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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